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1. EMBASSY SHOULD ASSURE DUTCH THAT US STATEMENT ON SUBJECT AT SPRING NPG MINISTERIAL ACCURATELY REFLECTS US POLICY. RELEVANT PORTION OF STATEMENT, WHICH IS UNCLASSIFIED, IS AS FOLLOWS: "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NOT MADE ANY DECISION TO DEVELOP -- NOR DEPLOY -- A NEW FAMILY OF WEAPONS AS HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY SOME U.S. STRATEGISTS AND WHICH PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS REPORTED WAS NEARING COMPLETION. SOME ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND TECHNOLOGIES ARE BEING STUDIED BUT BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MADE SO FUNDAMENTAL A DECISION -- WITH ALL ITS STRATEGY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS -- IT WOULD OF COURSE FULLY CONSULT WITH ITS ALLIES IN NATO."

2. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON PARA 3, REF B (BEING REPEATED TO YOU) IN REGARD TO TESTIMONY OF MAJOR GENERAL GILLER BEFORE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY. COPIES OF HIS TESTIMONY HAVE BEEN POUCHED.

3. IN REGARD TO QUESTION (B) IN PARA 2, REF A, WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF "THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO TRY TO PLACE THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF EUROPE ON THE AGENDA OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA..." AND WOULD CONSIDER SUCH A PROPOSAL UNLIKELY IN VIEW OF CAREFUL ALLIANCE PREPARATION FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. PLEASE DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY OFFICIAL BASIS FOR THIS QUESTION. ROGERS

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